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PORTISHEAD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ending 31st December, 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the Portishead Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in again being able to give a satisfactory Report for 1941. Some statistics and remarks have had to be omitted for security reasons.

1. BIRTH AND DEATH RATE.

Birth Rate	14.2.	England & Wales	14.2
Death Rate	13.4	England & Wales	12.9

2. MATERNAL & INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Maternal Deaths.	Nil.
Infants under one year.	Two.

3. INFECTIOUS DISEASES.                      Notifications.

Scarlet Fever.	6
Whooping Cough.	14
Measles.	59
Pneumonia.	4

4. TUBERCULOSIS.

	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>
Notifications.	4	4
Deaths.	2	3

This is about the average number of notifications. Every effort is being made to see that cases get proper supervision and help, such as extra milk.

5. DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISING.

More parents are realizing the great necessity of having their children done. All children should be done when they are a year old. The injections take about three months to become effective and parents should not wait till there is a danger of Diphtheria. Injections are free.

6. INFANT WELFARE.

Meets on alternate Fridays. The attendance has been good. Current Juice and Cod Liver Oil have been distributed at the Centre. Unfortunately new premises had to be found which are not as satisfactory as could be wished. Practically all the work is done by voluntary helpers and thanks are due to the Superintendent and the Staff for all they do.

7. NURSES.

Two Queens Nurses, under the Portishead and District Nursing Association, do all the General Nursing and Midwifery for the Urban District and surrounding area. Their work is of the highest order. A Staff of full time and voluntary nurses is at the First Aid Post; they are most efficient and can be relied on to deal with any emergency.

8. AMBULANCES.

There are two St. John Ambulances available. They have answered many calls and turn out well and quickly. They deserve the support of all Residents.

9. WATER SUPPLY.

Supply is adequate. Tests of purity have in all cases been satisfactory.

10. MILK, SLAUGHTER HOUSES, HOUSING.

These have been fully reported on in the Surveyor's Report, to which I have nothing to add.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

J.E. McCormick, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.C.,  
M.O.H. Portishead Urban District  
Council.

22nd July, 1942.